Subject No 92.

Imposition of loom tax.

Mr. Gundappa, shanbhog of Nagamangala Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is understood that weavers in villages are now required to affix a chit on yarns, and to have kamblis and cloths manufactured by them duly stamped. As this procedure causes inconvenience and difficulty to poor people whose livelihood chiefly depends upon their earnings, it is proposed that a reasonably fixed loom tax may be imposed.

Reply of Government.—It does not seem to be a question of levy. As regards the stamping complained of, enquiry will be made. Some order under Merchandise Marks Act appears to be wanting.

Subject No. 93.

Levy of tax on hides, sheep and goat skins.

Mr. Narasinga Rao of Hunsur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Labbes from Vaniambadi and other places have opened a shop in each village an they buy up all raw hides and skins at a low rate and turn-out a good profit thereby. It is proposed that a tax at 4 annas on each hide and one anna on each sheep or goat skin may be imposed.

Messrs. Dasappa of Nelamangala, Chinnappa of Srinivaspur Taluk and others are against the imposition of any such tax.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into.

Subject No. 94.

Octroi duty on tender cocoanuts.

Mr. Lingegowda of the Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Octroi duty is newly levied on tender cocoanuts. But no corresponding duty has been levied on soda, lemonade and other ærated waters, even though they are used for the same purpose as tender cocoanuts. Consequently, it is requested that octroi duty on tender cocoanuts may be removed.

Reply of Government.—Let the Municipal Boards themselves consider. Government will not interfere.

Subject No. 95.

Octroi duty may be levied on the original price list of goods.

Messrs. Venkatakrishnaiya, M. C. Ranga Iyengar, Madappa and Anantharajaiya of the Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The cases containing piece-goods brought into the town should not be broken open for purposes of levying Octroi duty. The duty thereon may be levied on the original price list, the correctness of such of the boxes containing duty leviable goods being tested if necessary by breaking open a certain percentage thereof.

Reply of Government.—This will be enquired into. The present practice is to prevent smuggling. A case of excess things was recently detected in Mysore.

Subject No. 96.

Levy of duty on raw sugar brought from the mill houses.

Mr. Padinal Basappa, Sidlaghatta Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As people bring raw sugar from mill houses and sell the same in the bazaar, it is suggested that a duty of one anna per maund may be ordered to be recovered, as in the case of jaggory. This will increase the funds of Municipality.

Messrs. Appajappa, Dasappa and other protested against the change.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Deputy Commissioners for enquiry and report.